



### Our Mission

To enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens.

2016

# IMPACT REPORT



“*You should be confident in yourself & your ability to go really far in life.*”

### Morgan Russow

2016 Youth of the Year

For Morgan Russow, the Boys & Girls Club of Benton County is a second home. This is because her two older sisters and her hardworking single mother also attended the Boys & Girls Club as children. "I had a really good childhood growing up through the Boys & Girls Club and was able to create new memories and was granted amazing opportunities." Her experience is why Russow is passionate about the Club and giving other youth the same opportunities there. "I hope to inspire at least one person in my life. I want to inspire them to be confident and love themselves. I want to inspire them to realize their full potential and that they have at least one person in their corner rooting for them - me. I want to inspire them to work hard and give everything their all." (photo credit -Wesley Hitt)

## The Club Experience

Boys & Girls Clubs fill the gap between school and home. We provide welcoming, positive environments in which kids and teens have fun, participate in life-changing programs, and build supportive relationships with peers and caring adults.



## The Need in Our State

Every day 65,107 kids in Arkansas leave school with nowhere to go.<sup>1</sup> They risk being unsupervised, unguided and unsafe.

## Our Reach



## Member Demographics



# Demonstrating Our Positive Impact



## ACADEMIC SUCCESS

### The Need

16% of young people in Benton County fail to graduate from high school on time.<sup>2</sup>

### What We Do

After-school & summer learning environments provide unique opportunities in STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) and daily homework assistance to those in need.

### Our Impact

Among our teen-aged Club members, **93%** expect to graduate from high school, and **80%** expect to complete some kind of post-secondary education.

### The Need

24% of high-school youth in Benton County were involved in a physical fight in the past year.<sup>3</sup>

### What We Do

Providing dynamic programs such as Keystone & Torch Club for valuable leadership & service experience and celebrating the extraordinary achievements of our members through Youth of the Year.

### Our Impact

**82%** of Club teen members volunteer in their community at least once per year, while **59%** volunteer in their community at least once per month.



## GOOD CHARACTER AND CITIZENSHIP



## HEALTHY LIFESTYLES

### The Need

34% of young people ages 5-16 in Benton County are overweight or obese.<sup>4</sup>

### What We Do

Healthy habits are promoted through daily physical fitness challenges as part of our after school program, as well as over 1,500 youth are involved in our athletic leagues.

### Our Impact

**63%** of Club members ages 9 and older report getting at least an hour of physical activity on five or more days per week.

## How You Can Help



With your generous support, Boys and Girls Club of Benton County will create opportunities to help more kids and teens achieve great futures. To make a donation or to learn about other ways you can help, contact our Administration Staff, at the McKinney Unit, Boys and Girls Club of Benton County, 479.273.7187. Visit [www.bgcbentoncounty.org](http://www.bgcbentoncounty.org) to donate

## GREAT FUTURES START HERE.



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<sup>1</sup> America After 3PM, Afterschool Alliance, <http://afterschoolalliance.org/AA3PM/>

<sup>2</sup> U.S. Department of Education, ED Data Express, <http://eddataexpress.ed.gov>

<sup>3</sup> Centers for Disease Control, <http://www.cdc.gov/healthyyouth/data/yrbs/results.htm>

<sup>4</sup> <http://www.healthyyouth.org/programsServices/Documents/Publications/Brochures/BENTON.pdf>